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SUSSEX COUNTY, ITS ADVANTAGES

Lumber Interest Necessarily
Attractive to the Investor
Seeking Raw Material.

HOME OF PEANUTS AND VARIED FRUITS

Farm Lands That Can Produce
Anything That Is Marketable
for Quick Sales—Good Water
Supply—Four Banking
Towns—Unexcelled
Railway Facilities.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.

[Staff Correspondence.]
WAVERLY, VA., April 11.—"Sussex county is a garden spot." So says Judge J. F. West, a citizen of the county and of this town, and he is right to know. Certain it is he has been living here about long enough—more than fifty years, maybe—to have found out. Of course, the judge has local pride and all that sort of thing, but he is of a judicial turn of mind, and is not given to exaggeration. What he says about Sussex, therefore, may be taken without the usual discount or the proverbial grain of allowance, and hence I will probably quote him not a little before I complete this sketch.

Sussex county was created by an act of the Legislature at least 150 years ago; the exact date could be given, but that is not necessary. It was taken from a big slice of what was then the immense county of Surry. As it now stands, it is bounded north by the county of Prince George, northeast by the present county of Surry, south by the counties of Greensville and Southampton, and west by the county of Dinwiddie. Its length from west to northeast is thirty-seven miles.

The population of the county is something over 13,000, and that population is growing every week by immigration from the West and Northwest and other parts of the country attracted here by the possibilities and potentialities of the rich soil and the wonderful supply of raw material to be used in wood-working, cotton manufacturing and peanut cleaning, and other lines of industry.

Well Drained Lands There Be.

This county is drained by the Nottoway and Blackwater Rivers and their tributaries. The Nottoway enters the county from the west and passes through practically the center of the county in a circuitous course, until it enters the county of Southampton on the south, and drains the central and a part of the western and southern portions of the county. The Blackwater River divides Surry from Sussex county, and drains the northeastern part of Sussex. The principal tributaries of the Nottoway River are Sappony Creek, Stony Creek, Rowanty Creek, Hunting Quarter Branch and Three Creeks, the last of which drains the southwestern portion of the county. The county, Sussex county has erected four handsome iron bridges across the Nottoway River where its county roads cross the same, and also many bridges over smaller streams.

Why Land Is Rich.

According to a most interesting little booklet issued by the county board of supervisors, and largely circulated at the recent Jamestown Exposition, the soil of the county is of a rich, loamy character, with clay subsoil, and the land is mostly level, but rolling to a degree, and capable in every part of the territory of easy drainage. The river lands are especially rich, and all the other lands are fertile and generally very responsive to improvements. They are capable of holding well the improvements made by the free use of manures and other fertilizers, when properly applied. The face of the country being almost entirely level, and the hills and mountains are leveling, farming machinery can be used to the very best advantage; therefore, in Sussex county the labor problem is not a subject of discussion, and the farmers ask no odds of the negro farm laborer. He can come or go, as he can go, the farmer with the help of machinery independent of him.

Climatic Conditions.

The climate of the county is salubrious, and the people who live here and those who have been visitors to other sections of the country believe and boldly declare that they have the finest climate in the world. It being free from the extreme cold of the North, heat of the South and from the blizzards of the West, and being located less than sixty miles from the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay, its breezes are tempered by the prevailing salt winds from the ocean and bay.

By reason of the fine climate and the fact that the atmosphere is constantly filled with ozone, the population is generally unusually healthy and free from the attack of diseases; and colds, catarrh and influenza are reduced to the minimum.

Home of the Peanut.

The principal crops grown in the county are cotton, corn, peanuts, tobacco, wheat, buckwheat, oats, clover, alfalfa, timothy, rye, millet, hay, cow peas, soja beans, viny beans, sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes. The soil is peculiarly adapted to the growth of peanuts and when properly cultivated a very large yield is the result. In a bushels not being unusual per acre upon improved land, while unimproved lands will average forty bushels per acre.

As was shown by evidence I produced in a letter written from Wakefield, in this county, several weeks ago the first peanuts ever produced for market in the United States were grown in Sussex county on a little farm within a stone's throw of the town of Wakefield. It may be added here that the first endless bell ever used in hand-picking and grading peanuts for market was invented and operated at Wakefield, in this county. I have stated it before in the Industrial Section of The Times-Dispatch, but it will bear

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SCENES FROM THE INDUSTRIAL LIFE OF SUSSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA



Freeman's Bridge Across Nottoway River, in Sussex County.

Residence of P. Fleetwood, Waverly, Sussex County.

WHEAT FIELD SCENE ON SUSSEX COUNTY FARM.

SUSSEX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AN OLD-TIMER.

STACKING THE VINES AND PEANUTS TO DRY, IN SUSSEX.

THE BANK OF JARRATT.

JOHN BULL'S RULE OVER THE AFRICANS

Carpenter Tells How Four Million
Natives Are Governed Under the
Uganda Protectorate.

BY FRANK G. CARPENTER.
[Staff Correspondent of The Times-Dispatch.]

Take a seat with me on the mud veranda of the mud hotel at Entebbe, and look out over Lake Victoria, while I tell you something of this Uganda protectorate which the British have recently added to their share of the white man's burden. You will see that the British have a very good reason for their interest in this land. It is a land of great natural resources, and it is a land of great strategic importance. It is a land of great natural resources, and it is a land of great strategic importance. It is a land of great natural resources, and it is a land of great strategic importance.

Do you see that black hand moving across the path down there in front? It is made up of ants, which will attack you if you come near it. They are the famous warrior ants, whose bite feels like red-hot pincers, and whose head is like a hammer. They are the famous warrior ants, whose bite feels like red-hot pincers, and whose head is like a hammer. They are the famous warrior ants, whose bite feels like red-hot pincers, and whose head is like a hammer.

On the Equator.
Before we begin our talk let us look around us and try to realize where we are. This mud hotel is called the Equatorial. It is situated right on the equator, and by spreading out our legs we could almost straddle the same. Nevertheless, we are about 1,000 feet above the sea, and the cool breezes from Lake Victoria make the air as delightful as Virginia in June.

There are oranges and lemons growing out there in the garden, great beds of feathery papyrus are waving to and fro on the shores, and we can see tall palms with their whispering leaves everywhere. We are right on the edge of Victoria, about as far inland as the Western shores of Lake Erie are in from New York, and right in the heart of the African continent. That lake was not known to the world about fifty years ago, and to-day a large part of the lands surrounding it are unexplored. The country goes right to the lake, and it is only about sixty miles south of it that the German possessions begin. This part of Lake Victoria belongs to Great Britain, and it is the vast territory extending from here to the Mediterranean, including Uganda, the Sudan and Egypt, is practically under the control of John Bull. He has every foot of land on each side of the Nile, which begins its course by flowing out of Lake Victoria at Ripon Falls, not far from here, and winds its way for 3,000 miles, before it empties into the Mediterranean Sea. As the Nile flows, the distance is far greater than from Philadelphia to the Great Salt Lake; and the country contains some of the richest lands upon earth.

Every one knows of the wealth of Egypt, which has never been so rich as since the British took hold. The Sudan has vast territories equally fertile, and Uganda, away down behind the Nile's source among the highest of the African mountains, is in some respects richer than all.

The Uganda Protectorate.
Indeed, the English officials tell me that this is the cream of the African continent. I have been traveling some weeks through it, and I believe

IMPETUS GIVEN TO INTERURBAN LINES

Road from Little Rock to Hot
Springs to Be Completed, and
Other Companies Forming.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BALTIMORE, April 11.—The movement for interurban electric lines already quite pronounced in Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Kentucky and Texas, has been given an impetus during the past week in Arkansas, according to special correspondence from Little Rock in this week's issue of The Manufacturers' Record.

Two years ago plans were made for the construction of an electric line between Little Rock and Hot Springs, and it had been pushed with a larger degree of success until the financial disturbance of last fall. With things returning to the normal, the determination has grown to push the project to completion. It involves the building of sixty miles of road through a country rich in natural resources, including timber, soapstone, slate, etc. In the past week two other companies have been chartered in Arkansas. One proposes to build an electric line eight miles long between Hot Springs and Potash Sulphur Springs and the other proposes to connect Little Rock with Pine Bluff, a distance of forty miles, traversing the country along the southern bank of the Arkansas River.

The plan includes also an extension to Star City, several miles below Pine Bluff. It is thought at Little Rock that the two longer lines will be established within the next two years, and that ultimately there will be electric railroad connection between Little Rock and Memphis, by way of Pine Bluff, and a traffic arrangement with the Kansas City-Southern over the railroad extension, now under construction between Mena and Hot Springs.

At quite a number of points are evidences of renewed interest in steam railroad construction. It is reported that the Texas Railroad Commission has been informed that as soon as money is easier and the times have improved the Texas Central Railroad Company will build a branch about 175 miles long, starting from Gorman, in Eastland county, Texas, running west through that county, along the boundary lines of Callahan and Coleman counties, Taylor and Runnels counties and Nolan and Coke counties, and through Stirling and Glasscock counties to Garden City. The Little Rock and Memphis, by way of Pine Bluff, and a traffic arrangement with the Kansas City-Southern over the railroad extension, now under construction between Mena and Hot Springs.

Among other plans are extensions of the Imperial Valley Railroad, and the Sugarland Railway in Texas, the letting of contracts about June 1st for the Atlanta and Carolina Railway Company between Atlanta and Augusta, Ga., 200 miles, the building of a line about seven miles long between Keyser, W. Va., and Bloomington, Md., and the extension from Graceland, Tex., of the Weatherford Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railroads. Rights of way are now being secured for a railroad to extend from Washington, D. C., to Gettysburg, Pa., by way of Westminister, Md., and Littlestown, Pa., and a company formed some years ago is preparing to build an electric railway from an eastern suburb of Richmond, Va., to a point five miles distant.

New Bridge Over Pamlico.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, N. C., April 11.—Work on the new steel bridge over Pamlico River, at this city, to be erected by Beaufort county, will commence within a very short time. Mr. R. S. Neal of Scotland Neck, N. C., has the contract for erecting this bridge, and he stated to your correspondent a few days ago that the work of erection would begin within the next few weeks.

RECEIPTS SLIGHT, BUT PRICES HIGH

Comparatively Little Tobacco to
Come In, but the Virginia
Markets Are Active.

With prices well up to the mark of previous weeks of the season, the light receipts of last week's tobacco market show that one of the most successful seasons in the history of the Richmond tobacco market was drawing to a close. The total sales for the week were 201,235 pounds, this being 15,545 pounds less than last week. So far the warehouses have been selling small lots every day, as heretofore, but it is probable that after this week there will be only two or three sales days during the week.

The prices received during last week were most satisfactory. Low grades especially held up well and closed with a very strong demand. The highest price of the season was received by Crenshaw Warehouse for tobacco which facturing commenced. The abundance of these will be completed and the machinery is now an established fact, the company having been duly organized with an authorized capital of \$25,000.

The company has bought a site and the buildings are being erected as rapidly as possible. It is expected that the factory will be completed and the machinery installed at least by July 1st, and the work of box and shuck manufacturing commenced. The company has a supply of timber within easy reach of the factory and other advantages make this enterprise a guaranteed success even before it starts the machinery to work. Local capital is behind this establishment, and the ease with which the same was raised is but proof of the confidence of the people in old Brunswick's wealth of resources.

Other enterprises are in contemplation, and there is reason to believe that much outside capital will be associated with local money and resources in carrying them through.

WEEK'S EVENTS AT BINGHAM SCHOOL.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
REVELL, N. C., April 11.—For some days a projected meeting has been in progress at the Presbyterian Church at Mebane, the attendance being good and able sermons being preached by the pastor, Rev. R. T. Linton.

Hon. T. J. Shaw, ex-Superior Court judge of North Carolina, recently delivered at the same church an address on prohibition, which is said to have been helpful to the cause and pleasing to the people. We want to see North Carolina take her place among the States that are on the side of the school as against the saloon, and for law-abiding sobriety as against the commission of crime in drunkenness.

On the 15th the noted lecturer and humorist, Dr. H. W. Sears, will speak at the school on the subject of "The Grumbler." A literary treat is expected.

The invitations for the commencement exercises, which take place May 10th to 14th, will soon be completed by the engraver, E. A. Wright. They are beautiful specimens of the printer and engraver's art. Students who are distinguished, having obtained a grade of 80 or studies and conduct on the last report issued, are as follows in the order of their rank, viz.: J. Gray, B. E. Gray, G. Gray, C. Gray, A. Gray, D. Gray, E. Gray, F. Gray, G. Gray, H. Gray, I. Gray, J. Gray, K. Gray, L. Gray, M. Gray, N. Gray, O. Gray, P. Gray, Q. Gray, R. Gray, S. Gray, T. Gray, U. Gray, V. Gray, W. Gray, X. Gray, Y. Gray, Z. Gray.

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LAWRENCEVILLE HAS A NEW ENTERPRISE

Box Factory, Being Erected, to
Start Business in the Early
Summer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LAURENCEVILLE, VA., April 11.—Lawrenceville has successfully launched a new enterprise that promises much for the industrial interest of the town and for the county of Brunswick.

The Lawrenceville Lumber and Box Company is now an established fact, the company having been duly organized with an authorized capital of \$25,000. The company has bought a site and the buildings are being erected as rapidly as possible. It is expected that the factory will be completed and the machinery installed at least by July 1st, and the work of box and shuck manufacturing commenced. The company has a supply of timber within easy reach of the factory and other advantages make this enterprise a guaranteed success even before it starts the machinery to work. Local capital is behind this establishment, and the ease with which the same was raised is but proof of the confidence of the people in old Brunswick's wealth of resources.

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JARRATT ON A BOOM; BUSINESS ACTIVE

Virginian Railway and Coast Line
May Have Union Depot and
Coal Transfer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
JARRATT, VA., April 11.—Jarratt is on something of a business boom. As a matter of course, with peanuts active in many of them, coming to market, there is activity among the merchants, and then, too, there are rumors in the air that Jarratt must and shall have a peanut factory and cleaner.

The people hereabouts think that is no sense in shipping to other markets the great quantities of peanuts that the farmers unload here until they are cleaned and assorted. The farmers themselves are taking an interest in the matter, and the probability is that the necessary capital will soon be subscribed to start here a factory and cleaner. In view of the promising outlook for the year, and more active local market consequent upon the establishment here of a factory, the farmers in the regions round about are greatly encouraged to larger seedling, and it is the prevailing opinion that they will plant more peanuts this season than ever before.

Tidings From the West.
The real estate agents here are in receipt of many inquiries from the people as to the lands of this part of Sussex county, and several Northern men have recently been here to see for themselves. All of the signs of the times look to greater things for Jarratt and the immediate sections round about.

Officials of the Coast Line Railway have recently been here with their engineers and blue print makers viewing the situation. The railway officials are in a situation of non-communality, but it has leaked out that they came here to make estimates, etc., with a view of enlarging the yard and truckage facilities so as to properly handle the coal they expect to get from the Virginian Railway. It is also said that the Virginian Railway is to be built in the country. The doctors are given while they were here looking to the erection of a union depot. That will be a great improvement when it comes.

Handsome Home to Go Up.
Dr. O. C. Wright, the president of the Bank of Jarratt, and one of the most active and wide awake citizens of the village, has commenced the erection of a dwelling, which he intends to occupy. All of the signs of the times look to greater things for Jarratt and the immediate sections round about.

Among some of the good sales made during the week was the residence No. 1019 Park Avenue, which was sold by W. C. Blanton to Mrs. N. E. Flournoy for \$7,500. Mr. Blanton also sold a lot on Buchanan Street was knocked out to D. & D. Gordon for \$310.

Other Lively Sales.
The three-story brick store on Seventeenth Street, belonging to the same estate, was knocked out to Mike Kelly for \$4,150. The two-story brick dwelling No. 1814 East Broad Street was bought by G. W. Glass for \$2,885, and a lot on Buchanan Street was knocked out to D. & D. Gordon for \$310.

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REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS

Hard to Get Buyers and Sellers
on Happy Compromise Ground.

MANY TRANSFERS WERE RECORDED

Auction Sales Unusually Well Attended During the Past Week.

Troubles the Renters Experience—Suburbs Active in Building and Sales.

The real estate transactions for the week past, so far as they indicate conditions, are a little mixed. The transfers as shown by the books in the office of the clerks of the courts would indicate that business was very lively, and so it was with the clerks whose business it is to record deeds. On one day during the week deeds went to record that amounted to about \$60,000 in the matter of sales. There were other large days, and on the whole transfers were made representing something like \$200,000. However, the trading, or very much of it, which was thus brought to a climax, was engaged in weeks before, and some of the transactions have already been sold about in this column. The actual transactions for the week were not large. Perhaps \$100,000 would cover the full amount of property sold both by auction and privately.

Well Attended Auction Sales.

An encouraging sign of the times was the large attendance at all the auction sales that had been announced. It is true that the bidding on some of these sales was not as spirited as the auctioneers could have wished, but the fact of large attendance was encouraging.

It showed that there are plenty of people interested in the sale of Richmond realty. The fact that in all cases the eager attendants upon auction sales were not eager bidders on the property offered would seem to indicate that the market is well looked after by bargain hunters.

Buyers and Sellers Apart.

This would seem to prove the theory of an agent, who yesterday unbosomed himself to The Times-Dispatch man. He said: "The trouble with us now is that the agents have to contend with two antagonistic factions. One party have somehow acquired an idea that there was to be a slump in real estate in this city. They have had that idea ever since last fall, and having once set their minds that way they still insist on it. The other party, however, are not so sure, and they are going to come, and they think so, and notwithstanding the fact that real bargains are put under their noses every day, they won't buy because to do so would be to confess that they were bad prophets when they predicted a slump in Richmond realty."

"On the other hand you might as well spend your time singing hymns to a dead horse as to talk about a slump to holders of Richmond realty. Not a one of them, who was not forced to sell, and but few of them are, has ever weakened a cent in their estimate of the good value of Richmond dirt, and they are right. What's the result? It is simply this: With the slump prophets on the one side trying to force a fulfillment of their predictions, and the hard faith-holders on the other, avowing the fallacy of that idea, the real estate agent cannot get buyer and seller anywhere near compromise ground."

This condition of affairs, as explained by the agent, applies only to city property, and in no way has reference to suburban realty. Beyond the city limits, in the suburbs of Ginter Park, Highland Park, Barton Heights, Brookland, Chestnut Hill, and elsewhere along the trolley lines, demand for home lots was never more active, and it is doubtful if sales were ever more numerous.

Active Auction Sales.

One of the best attended auction sales in the city has been known for a long time took place last Thursday, and was conducted jointly by J. Thompson Brown & Co., E. A. Catlin and Crutchfield & Burnley. The property involved was that of the McDonough estate. The crowd was unusually large—said by some to have been the largest gathering ever seen at an auction sale in this city. Among the properties sold was the old McDonough warehouse, on Eighteenth Street, which was bought by H. S. Wallerstein and Charles E. Strause for \$7,450. These gentlemen refuse to say how they propose to use the investment, but there is a rumor that the partially burned buildings now on the property may be torn down and several brick storerooms erected thereon.

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